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Jughead in The SHOW STOPPER

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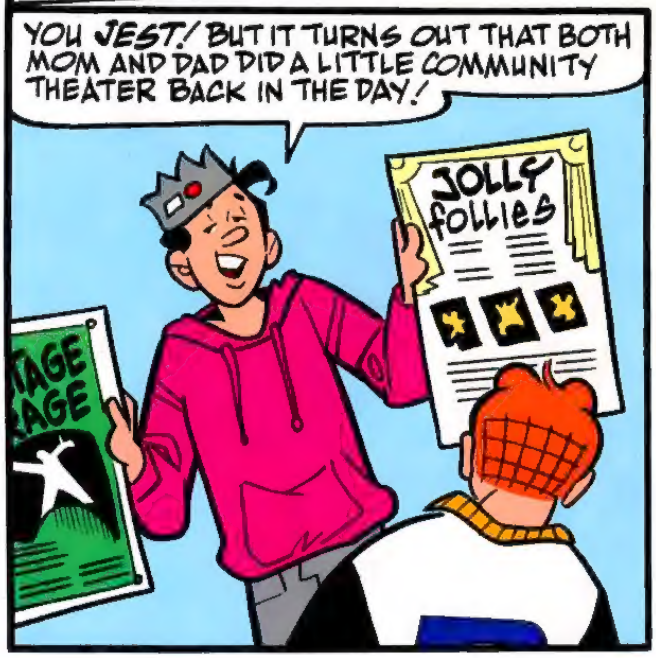

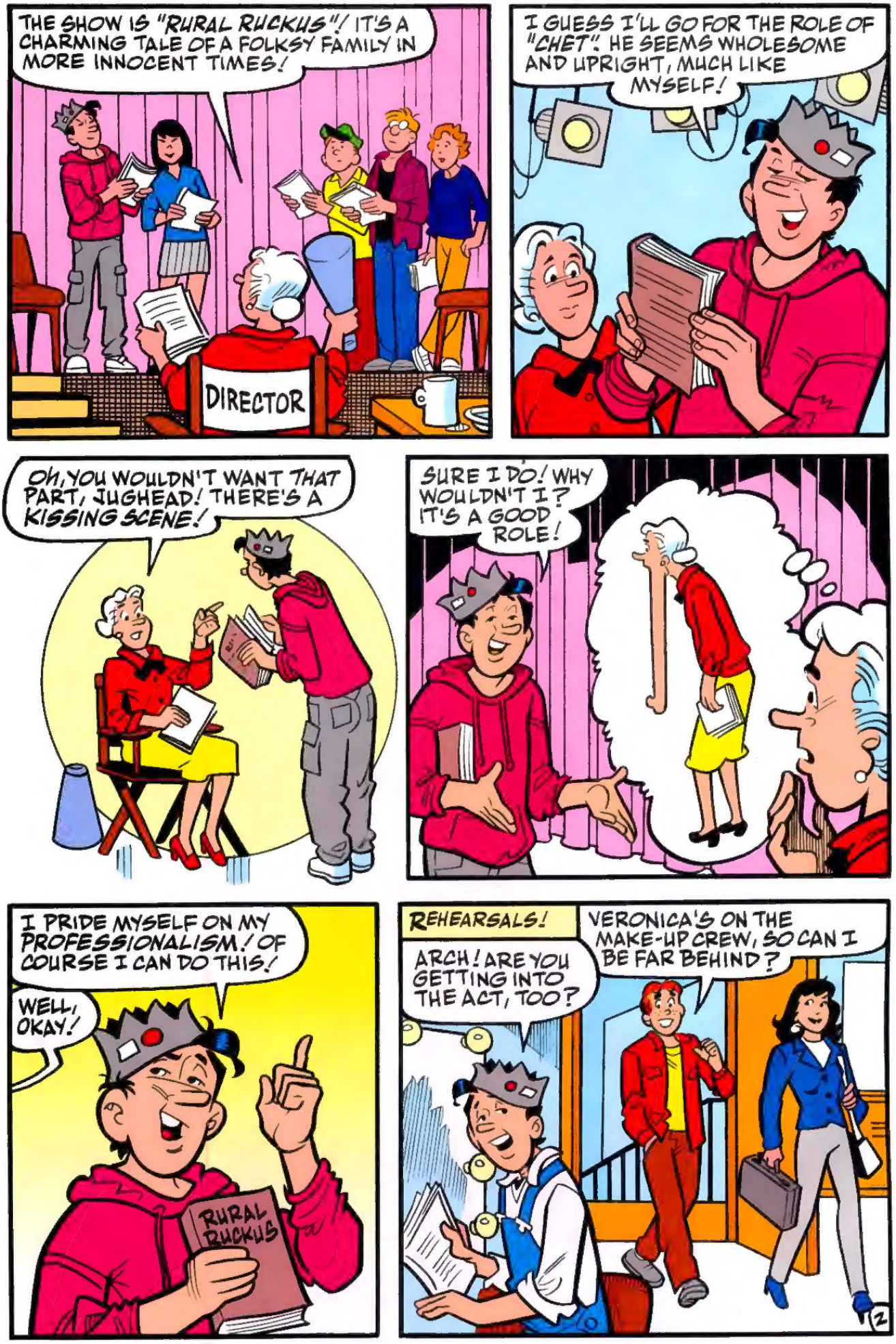
THE SHOW IS "RURAL RUCKUS"! IT'S A CHARMING TALE OF A FOLKSY FAMILY IN MORE INNOCENT TIMES!
DIRECTOR
I GUESS I'LL GO FOR THE ROLE OF "CHET". HE SEEMS WHOLESOME AND UPRIGHT, MUCH LIKE MYSELF!
OH, YOU WOULDN'T WANT THAT PART, JUGHEAD! THERE'S A KISSING SCENE!
SURE I DO! WHY WOULDN'T I? IT'S A GOOD ROLE!
I PRIDE MYSELF ON MY PROFESSIONALISM! OF COURSE I CAN DO THIS!
WELL, OKAY!
RURAL RUCKUS
REHEARSALS!
ARCH! ARE YOU GETTING INTO THE ACT, TOO?
VERONICA'S ON THE MAKE-UP CREW, SO CAN I BE FAR BEHIND?
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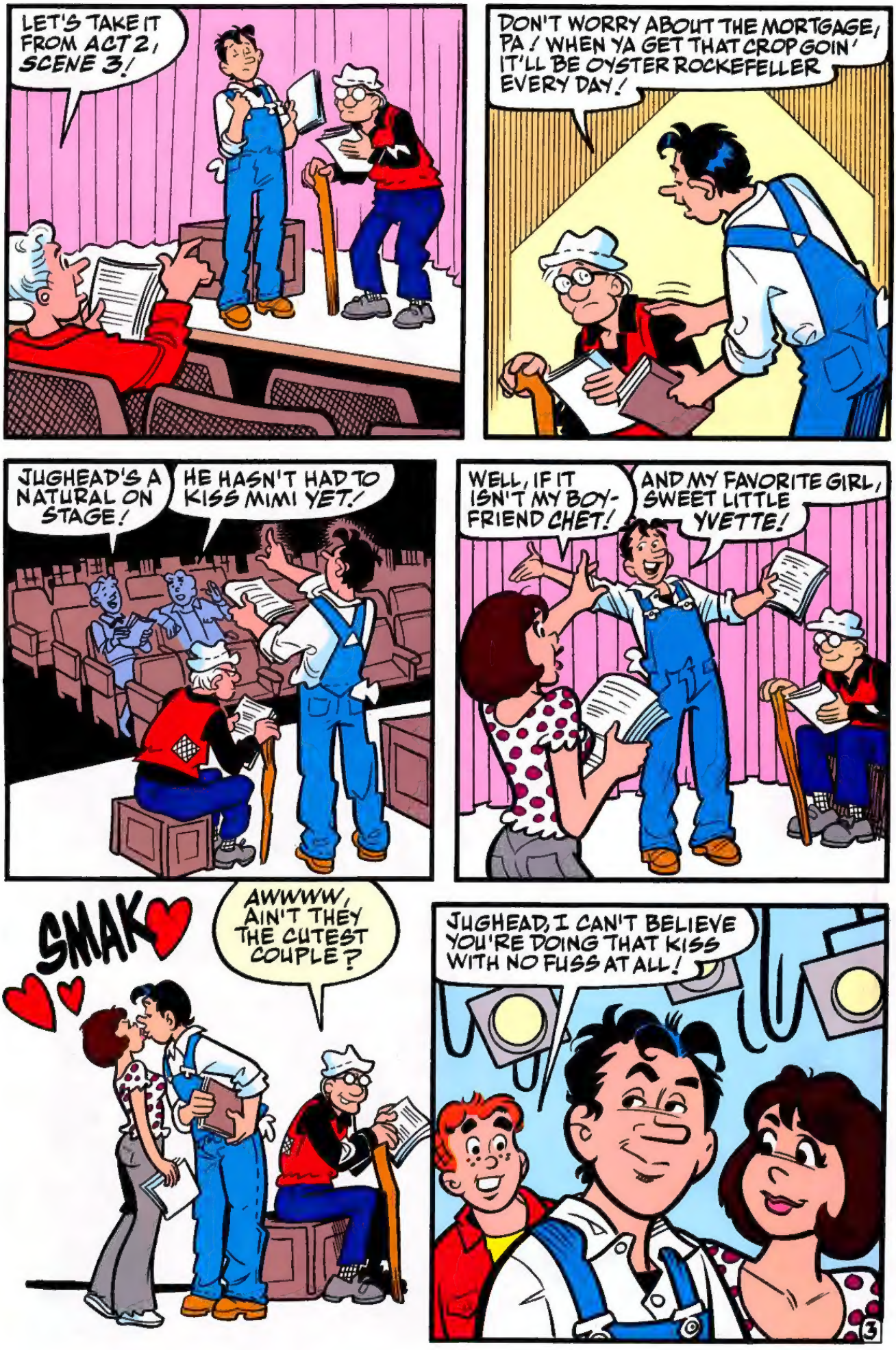
LET'S TAKE IT FROM ACT 2, SCENE 3!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE MORTGAGE, PA! WHEN YA GET THAT CROP GOIN' IT'LL BE OYSTER ROCKEFELLER EVERY DAY!
JUGHEAD'S A NATURAL ON STAGE!
HE HASN'T HAD TO KISS MIMI YET!
WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY BOY-FRIEND CHET!
AND MY FAVORITE GIRL, SWEET LITTLE YVETTE!
SMAK
AWWWW, AIN'T THEY THE CUTEST COUPLE?
JUGHEAD, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE DOING THAT KISS WITH NO FUSS AT ALL!
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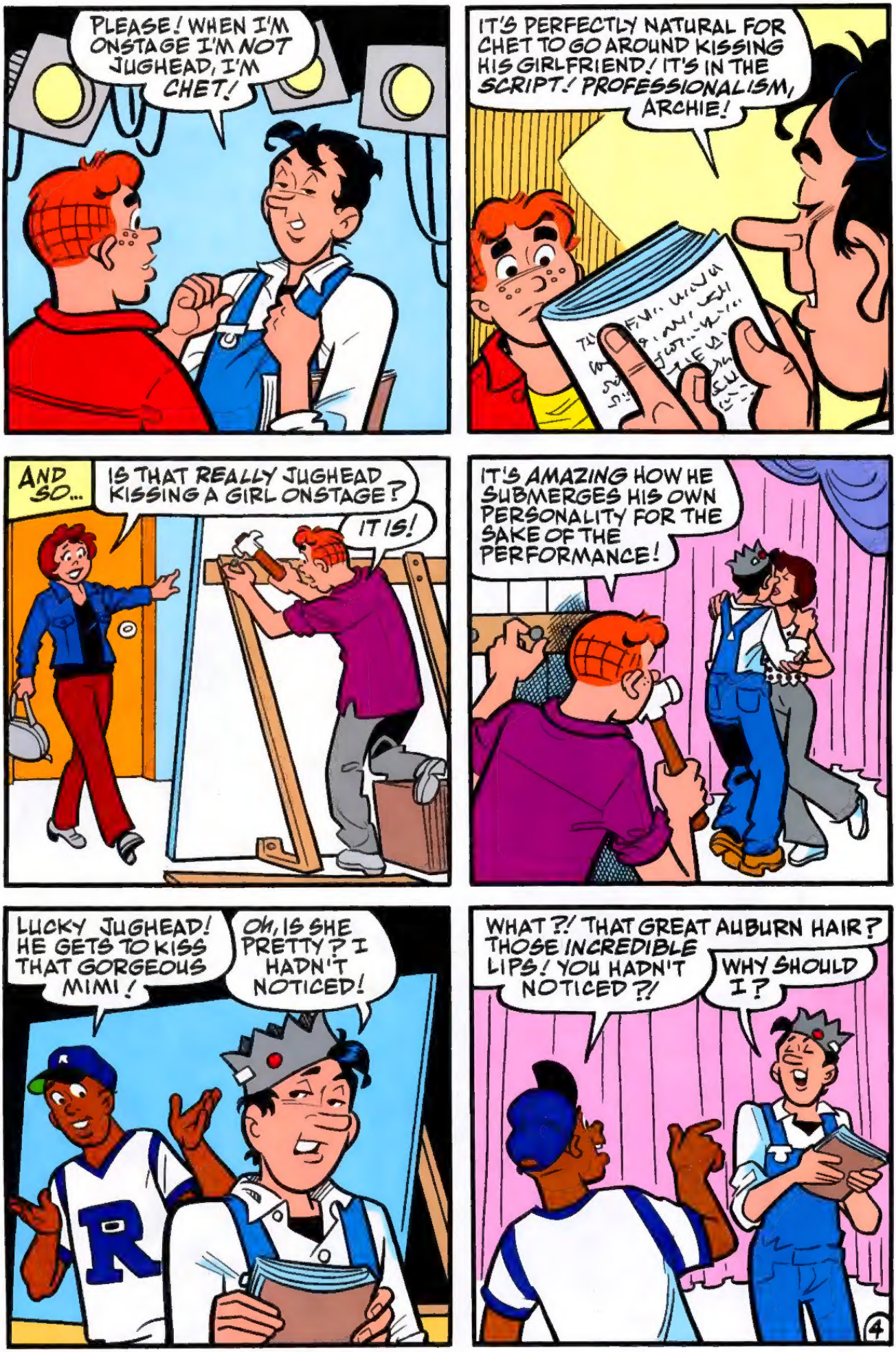
PLEASE! WHEN I'M ONSTAGE I'M NOT JUGHEAD, I'M CHET!
IT'S PERFECTLY NATURAL FOR CHET TO GO AROUND KISSING HIS GIRLFRIEND! IT'S IN THE SCRIPT! PROFESSIONALISM, ARCHIE!
AND SO...
IS THAT REALLY JUGHEAD KISSING A GIRL ONSTAGE?
IT IS!
IT'S AMAZING HOW HE SUBMERGES HIS OWN PERSONALITY FOR THE SAKE OF THE PERFORMANCE!
LUCKY JUGHEAD! HE GETS TO KISS THAT GORGEOUS MIMI!
OH, IS SHE PRETTY? I HADN'T NOTICED!
WHAT?! THAT GREAT AUBURN HAIR? THOSE INCREDIBLE LIPS! YOU HADN'T NOTICED?!
WHY SHOULD I?
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THERE'S NOTHING IN THE STAGE DIRECTIONS ABOUT NOTICING HER!
MAN! YOU ARE A PRO!
BAD NEWS! MIMI'S FAMILY HAS TO LEAVE TOWN TO VISIT AN AILING AUNTIE! THE UNDERSTUDY WILL HAVE TO TAKE OVER!
NO PROBLEM! THAT'S WHAT AN UNDERSTUDY IN THEATER IS FOR! THE SHOW MUST GO ON AND ALL THAT!
SO WHO'S THE UNDER-STUDY?
TRULA TWYST!
TRULA TWYST?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A PROFES-SIONAL!
BUT SO IS SHE! A PROFESSIONAL PAIN!
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YOU'RE BOTH JUST FELLOW ACTORS!
BUT THAT FELLOW IS TRULA TWYST!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! TRULA AND I HAVE ISSUES!
TRULA SITS IN HER ROOM AT NIGHT THINKING, PLOTTING, SCHEMING!
EXIT
EXIT
SCHEMING OF WAYS TO DRIVE ME OUT OF MY MIND!
YOU SEE, SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT ANYONE COULD BE AS WELL-ADJUSTED AS I AM!
SO SHE SEARCHES FOR SOME LITTLE FLAW! ANY LITTLE CRACK THAT SHE CAN EXPLOIT!
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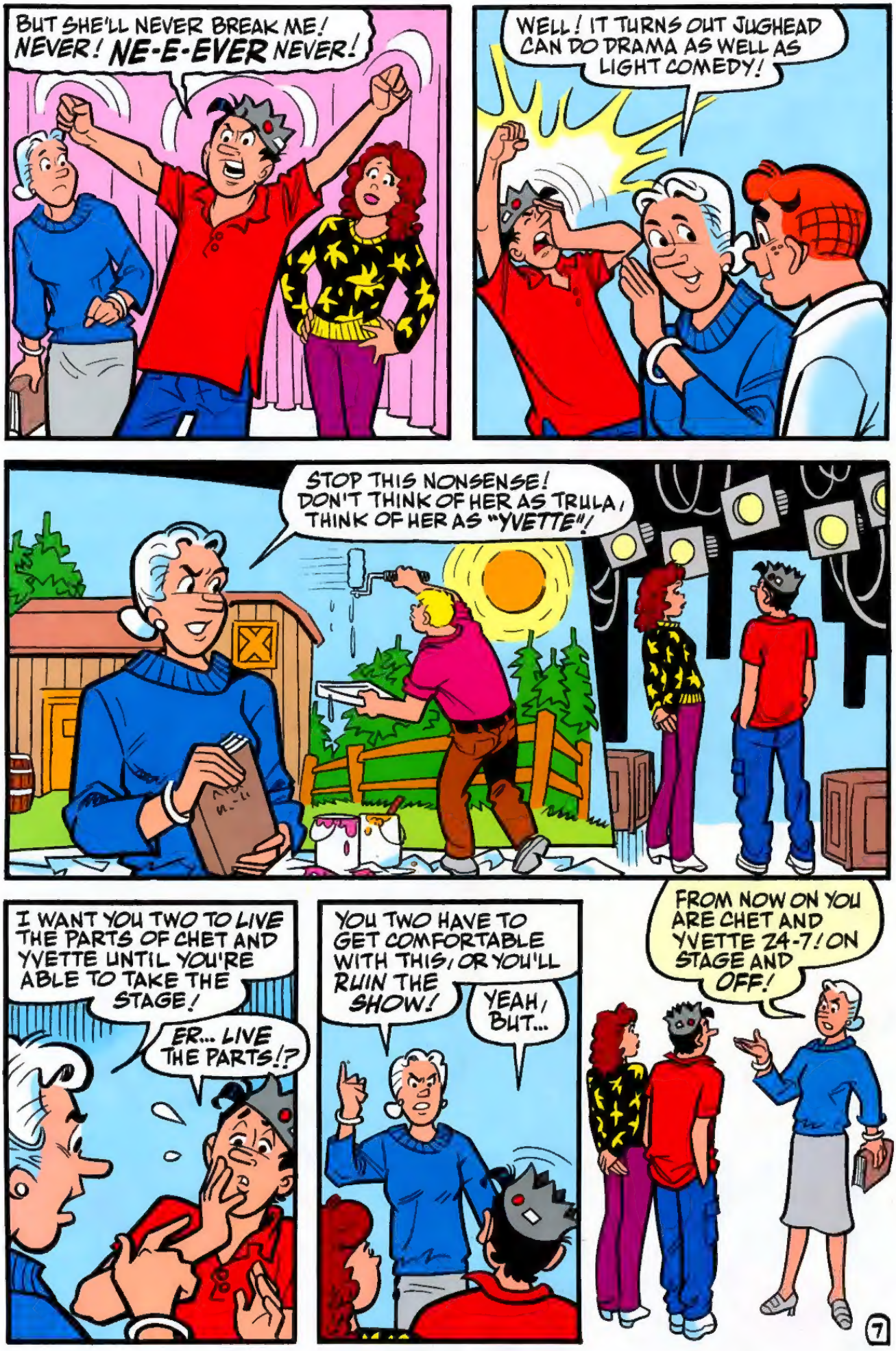
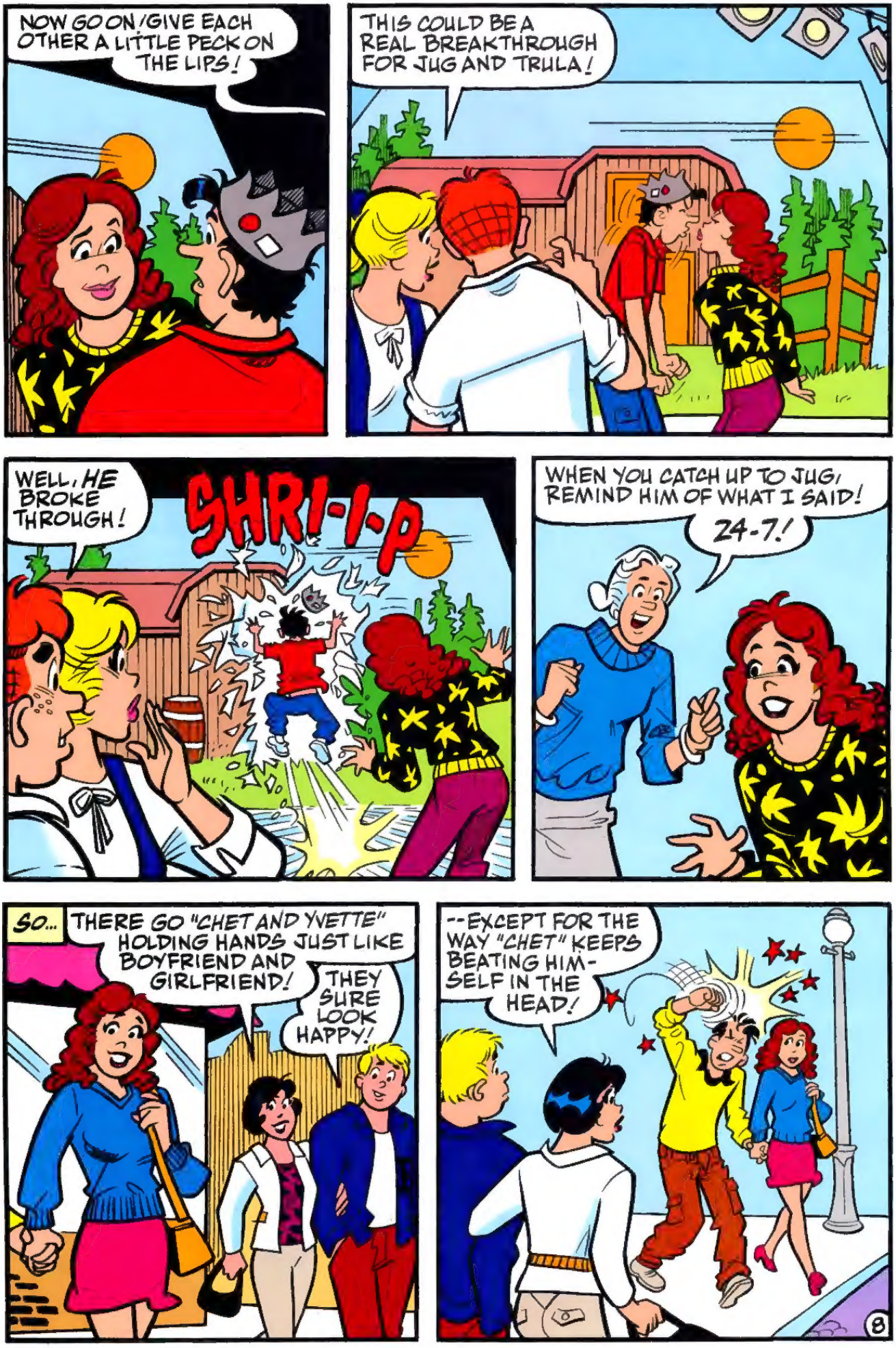

BUT SHE'LL NEVER BREAK ME! NEVER! NE-E-EVER NEVER!
WELL! IT TURNS OUT JUGHEAD CAN DO DRAMA AS WELL AS LIGHT COMEDY!
STOP THIS NONSENSE! DON'T THINK OF HER AS TRULA, THINK OF HER AS "YVETTE"!
I WANT YOU TWO TO LIVE THE PARTS OF CHET AND YVETTE UNTIL YOU'RE ABLE TO TAKE THE STAGE!
ER... LIVE THE PARTS!?
YOU TWO HAVE TO GET COMFORTABLE WITH THIS, OR YOU'LL RUIN THE SHOW!
YEAH, BUT...
FROM NOW ON YOU ARE CHET AND YVETTE 24-7! ON STAGE AND OFF!


NOW GO ON/GIVE EACH OTHER A LITTLE PECK ON THE LIPS!
THIS COULD BE A REAL BREAKTHROUGH FOR JUG AND TRULA!
WELL, HE BROKE THROUGH!
SHRI-I-P
WHEN YOU CATCH UP TO JUG, REMIND HIM OF WHAT I SAID!
24-7!
SO...
THERE GO "CHET AND YVETTE" HOLDING HANDS JUST LIKE BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND!
THEY SURE LOOK HAPPY!
--EXCEPT FOR THE WAY "CHET" KEEPS BEATING HIMSELF IN THE HEAD!
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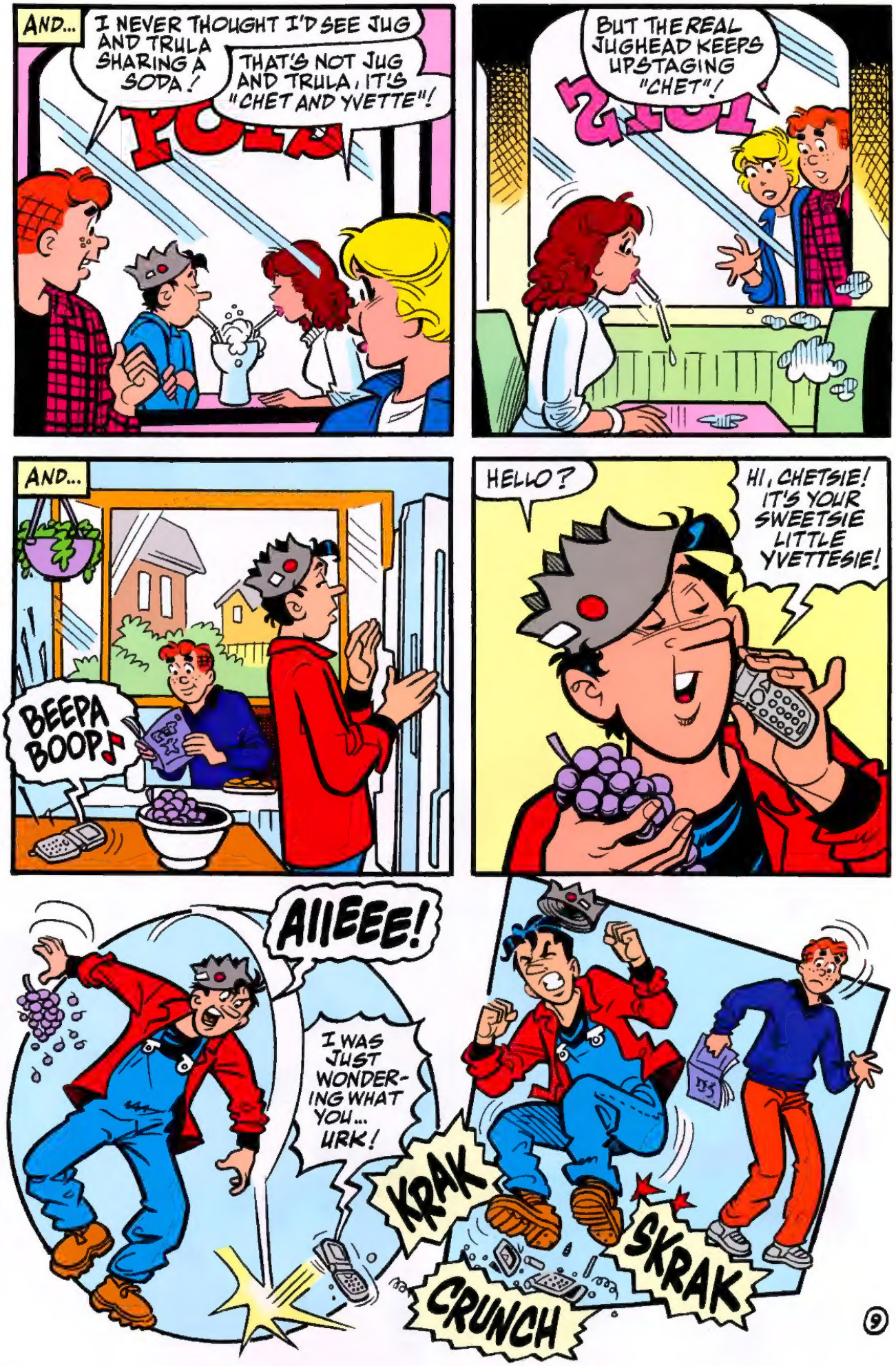
AND...
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE JUG AND TRULA SHARING A SODA!
THAT'S NOT JUG AND TRULA, IT'S "CHET AND YVETTE"!
BUT THE REAL JUGHEAD KEEPS UPSTAGING "CHET"!
AND...
BEEPA BOOP♪
HELLO?
HI, CHETSIE! IT'S YOUR SWEETSIE LITTLE YVETTESIE!
AIIEEE!
I WAS JUST WONDER-ING WHAT YOU... URK!
KRAK
SKRAK
CRUNCH

YOU'RE IMPROVING! TODAY YOU ONLY BROKE THREE PHONES!
UNTIL...
IT'S NO USE! I'M NOT THAT GOOD AN ACTOR!!
OH, DEAR!
IT'S OPENING NIGHT, AND JUGHEAD IS READY TO QUIT THE SHOW!
I WAS AFRAID OF THAT!
HANG IN THERE, MS. GRUNDY! IT COULD STILL WORK OUT!
MIMI GOT BACK INTO TOWN! SHE CAN DO THE SHOW!
YEAH!?
EXIT
THERE SHE IS!
MIM!/ WHAT A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES!
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WELL, AS I ALWAYS SAY: THE SHOW MUST GO ON!
WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY BOYFRIEND CHET!
AND MY FAVORITE GIRL, SWEET LITTLE YVETTE!
AWW, AIN'T THEY JUST THE CUTEST COUPLE!?
SMAK
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CONGRATULATIONS, JUG AND TRULA!
YOU MEAN JUG AND MIMI!
NO, I DON'T! MIMI NEVER REALLY CAME BACK! VERONICA JUST USED HER MAKE-UP SKILLS TO...
?!
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN AN ACTOR GET STAGE FRIGHT AFTER THE SHOW WAS OVER!
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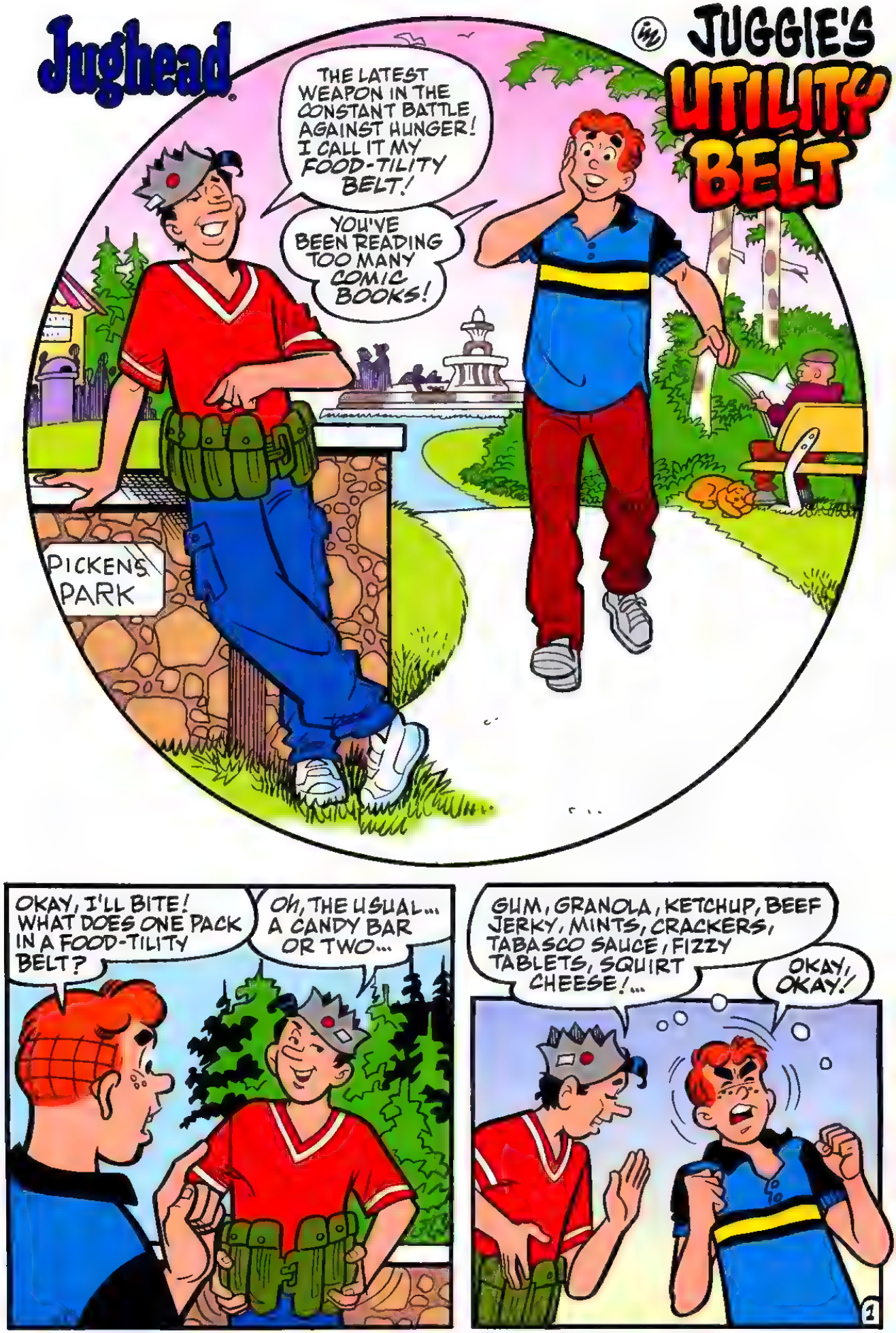
Jughead
JUGGIE'S UTILITY BELT
THE LATEST WEAPON IN THE CONSTANT BATTLE AGAINST HUNGER! I CALL IT MY FOOD-TILITY BELT!
YOU'VE BEEN READING TOO MANY COMIC BOOKS!
PICKENS PARK
OKAY, I'LL BITE! WHAT DOES ONE PACK IN A FOOD-TILITY BELT?
OH, THE USUAL... A CANDY BAR OR TWO...
GUM, GRANOLA, KETCHUP, BEEF JERKY, MINTS, CRACKERS, TABASCO SAUCE, FIZZY TABLETS, SQUIRT CHEESE!...
OKAY, OKAY!
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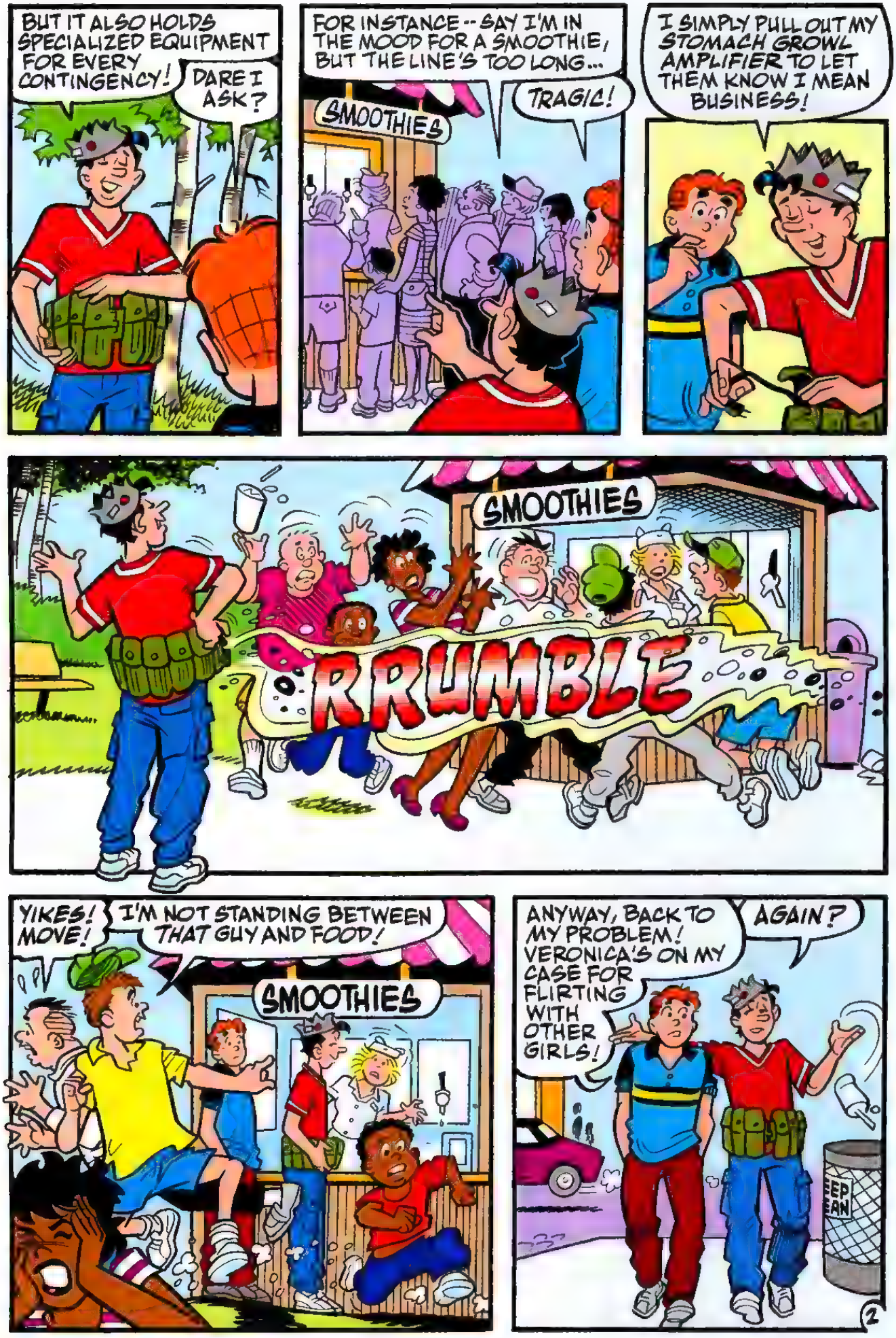
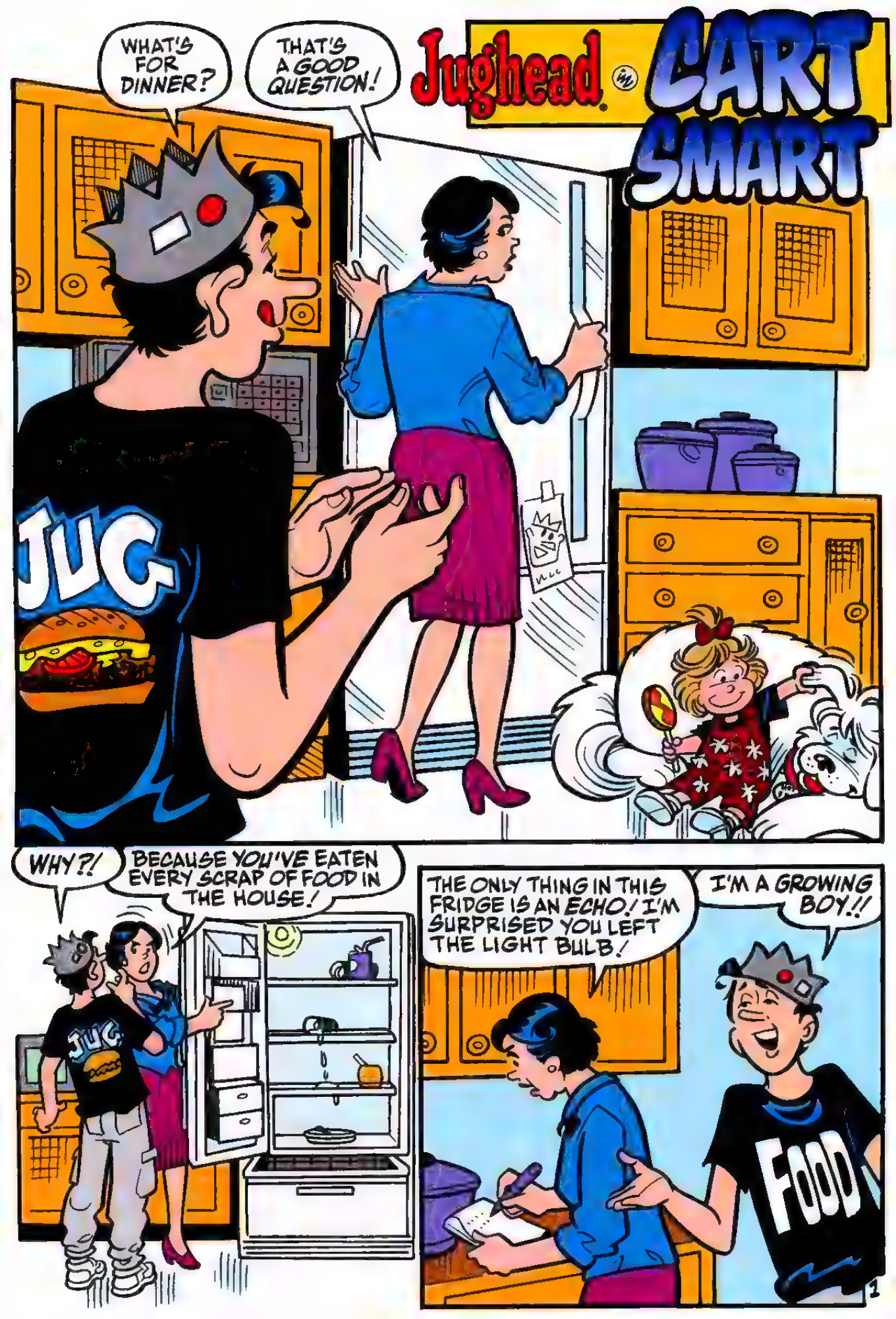

BUT IT ALSO HOLDS SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT FOR EVERY CONTINGENCY!
DARE I ASK?
FOR INSTANCE -- SAY I'M IN THE MOOD FOR A SMOOTHIE, BUT THE LINE'S TOO LONG...
SMOOTHIES
TRAGIC!
I SIMPLY PULL OUT MY STOMACH GROWL AMPLIFIER TO LET THEM KNOW I MEAN BUSINESS!
SMOOTHIES
RRUMBLE
YIKES! MOVE!
I'M NOT STANDING BETWEEN THAT GUY AND FOOD!
SMOOTHIES
ANYWAY, BACK TO MY PROBLEM! VERONICA'S ON MY CASE FOR FLIRTING WITH OTHER GIRLS!
AGAIN?
2

SO I'VE GOTTA LAY LOW FOR A--
HOLD ON, ARCH! I SPY AN EMERGENCY!
ICE CREAM
FORTUNATELY, MY FOOD-TILITY BELT IS EQUIPPED WITH THIS EXTENDO-STRAW!
?
HEY, WHAT'S THIS?!
HIS IDEA OF AN EMERGENCY!
SLOOP
IF I ONLY HAD ROOM FOR A JET PACK IN THIS THING!
JUG, YOUR BELT IS THE STUPIDEST IDEA EVER!
AWW, G'WAN!
WHAT ELSE HAVE YOU GOT IN YOUR STUPIDITY BELT?
SIMPLEST TRICKS ARE THE BEST!
POP'S
SUPER BURGER
3

THIS BICYCLE MIRROR, FOR INSTANCE!
WELL, HEL-LOOO HANDSOME!
CHOMP
eh?
JUG, THAT BELT IS THE STUPIDEST THING EVER!
ARCHIE!
REMEMBER ME? STEPHANIE FROM THE BEACH LAST SUMMER?
I'D KNOW THAT GREAT PERFUME ANYWHERE!
HOW GREAT TO SEE YOU! WE MUST CATCH UP SOMETIME SOON!
WELL, THAT WAS A NICE INTERLUDE!
AND YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT PERFUME! MAN!
4

I'LL SAY! HER FRAGRANCE IS AS CLINGY AS SHE WAS!
:SNIFF: GEE, I GUESS I DO SMELL KINDA PRETTY AT THAT, NOW!
UH-OH!
YOU WON'T LOOK VERY PRETTY WHEN VERONICA GETS THROUGH WITH YOU!
YIPE!
I'M DOOMED IF SHE CATCHES STEPHANIE'S SCENT ON ME! I'D BETTER RUN AWAY!
TOO LATE! SHE'S SEEN YOU!
WHAT I NEED IS A MIRACLE!
SPLOOT
NO, WHAT YOU NEED IS A SPLASH OF MY TEXAS TED HOT SAUCE!
Phew!
YOU'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND JUGHEAD TOO LONG! YOU'RE STARTING TO SMELL LIKE A BARBEQUE!
?
LIKE I SAID, JUG -- THAT BELT IS THE MOST BRILLIANT IDEA EVER!
END


Jughead
CART SMART
WHAT'S FOR DINNER?
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!
JUG
WHY?!
BECAUSE YOU'VE EATEN EVERY SCRAP OF FOOD IN THE HOUSE!
THE ONLY THING IN THIS FRIDGE IS AN ECHO! I'M SURPRISED YOU LEFT THE LIGHT BULB!
I'M A GROWING BOY!!
Food
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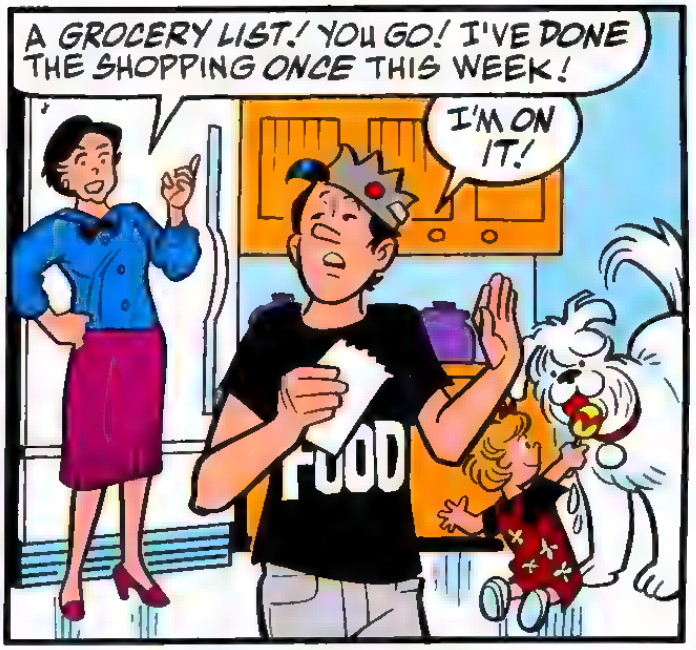
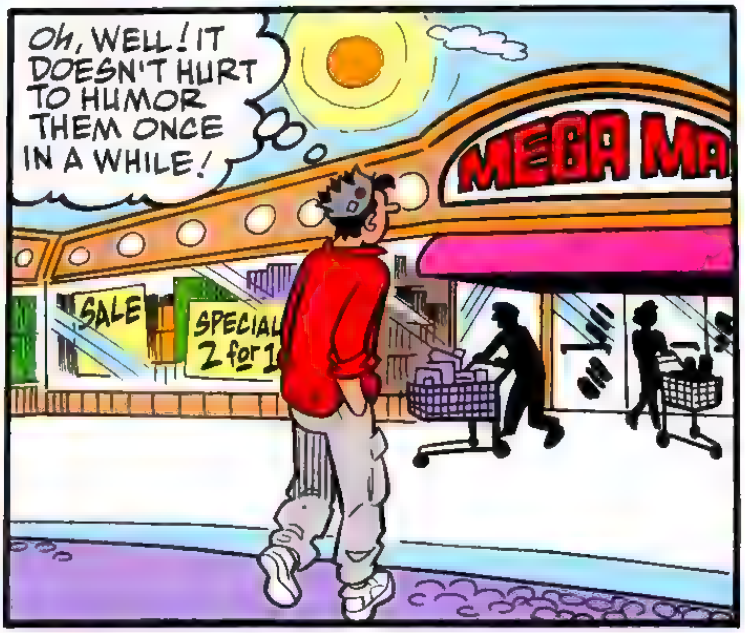
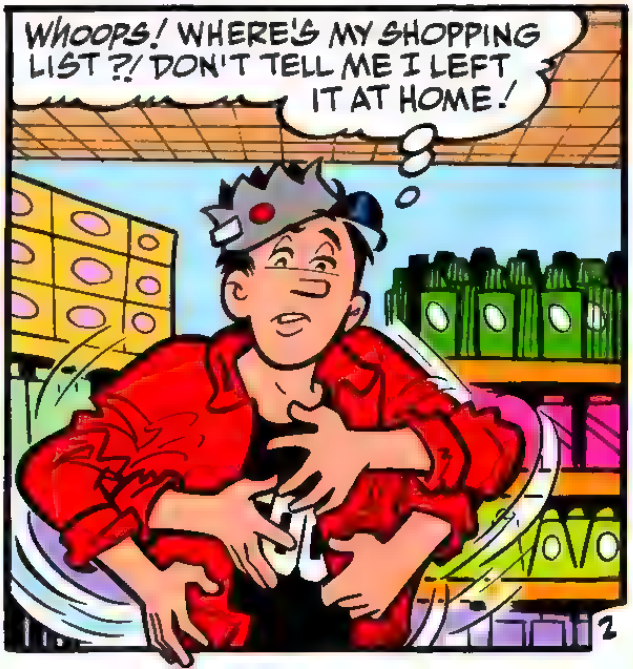
THE ONLY THING GROWING AROUND HERE IS OUR FOOD BILL!
HERE!
WHATSIS?
FOOD


A GROCERY LIST! YOU GO! I'VE DONE THE SHOPPING ONCE THIS WEEK!
I'M ON IT!
FOOD

MOMS SURE DO GET EXCITABLE!


OH, WELL! IT DOESN'T HURT TO HUMOR THEM ONCE IN A WHILE!
MEGA MA
SALE
SPECIAL
2 for 1

NOW WHAT'S FIRST ON THE LIST?
ER... THE LIST!


WHOOPS! WHERE'S MY SHOPPING LIST?! DON'T TELL ME I LEFT IT AT HOME!

THIS IS BAD! MOM'S STEAMED ENOUGH AT ME! I DON'T WANT TO CALL HER TO ADMIT I'M A GOOF-UP!
WELL, MAYBE I CAN GUESS MY WAY THROUGH!
HMPH! ONLY ONE CART LEFT!
AND NATURALLY -- IT'S THE ONE WITH THE WOBBLY WHEEL!
CLATTER CLATTER
DID I SAY "WOBBLY"? MORE LIKE A ROLLING JACKHAMMER!
WOBBLE
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THIS BUCKING BRONCO ON TRACK! IT HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN!
CLATTER
WOBBLE
OKAY, FINE! I WANNA GO DOWN THIS AISLE... BUT IF YOU WANNA GO THAT WAY, SO BE IT!
SALE
MEGA MART
SALE 2 for 99¢
Wobble
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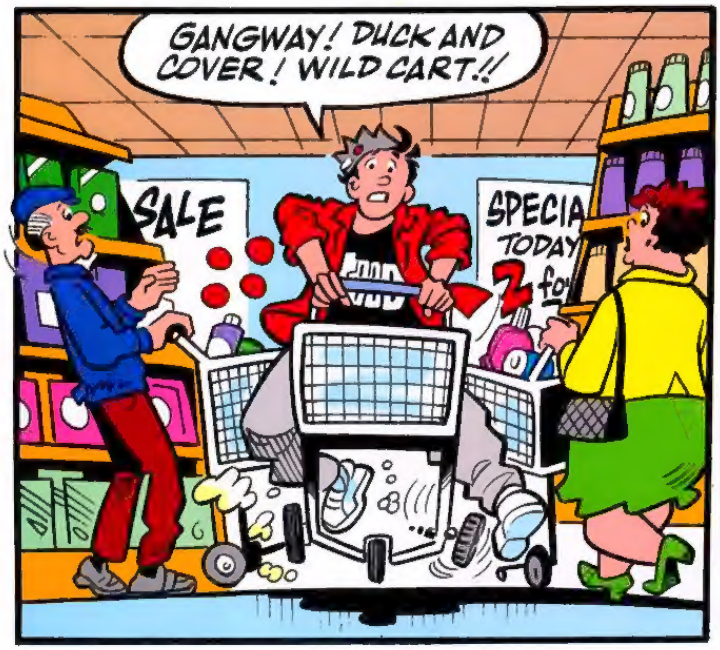
GANGWAY! DUCK AND COVER! WILD CART!!
SALE
SPECIA
TODAY
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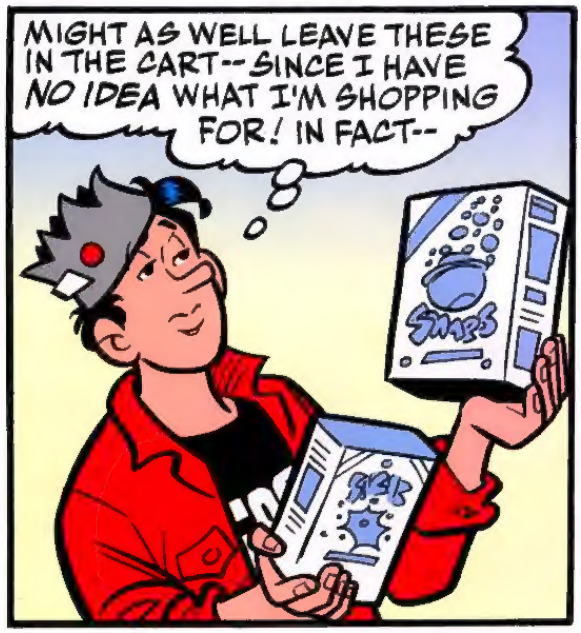
WHOOPS! IT HAD TO HAPPEN!
KA-CHUNG


MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE THESE IN THE CART--SINCE I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M SHOPPING FOR! IN FACT--
SNAPS

WITHOUT A LIST, I MAY AS WELL ROLL THE DICE AND LET THE CART HAVE ITS WAY!

C'MON, OL' PAINT! MAYBE YOU KNOW BETTER THAN I DO!
KRASH
BUMP
WOBBLE
MEGA MART

WELL, I'M AMAZED! YOU GOT EVERYTHING I ASKED FOR!
I DID?! I MEAN, OF COURSE I DID!
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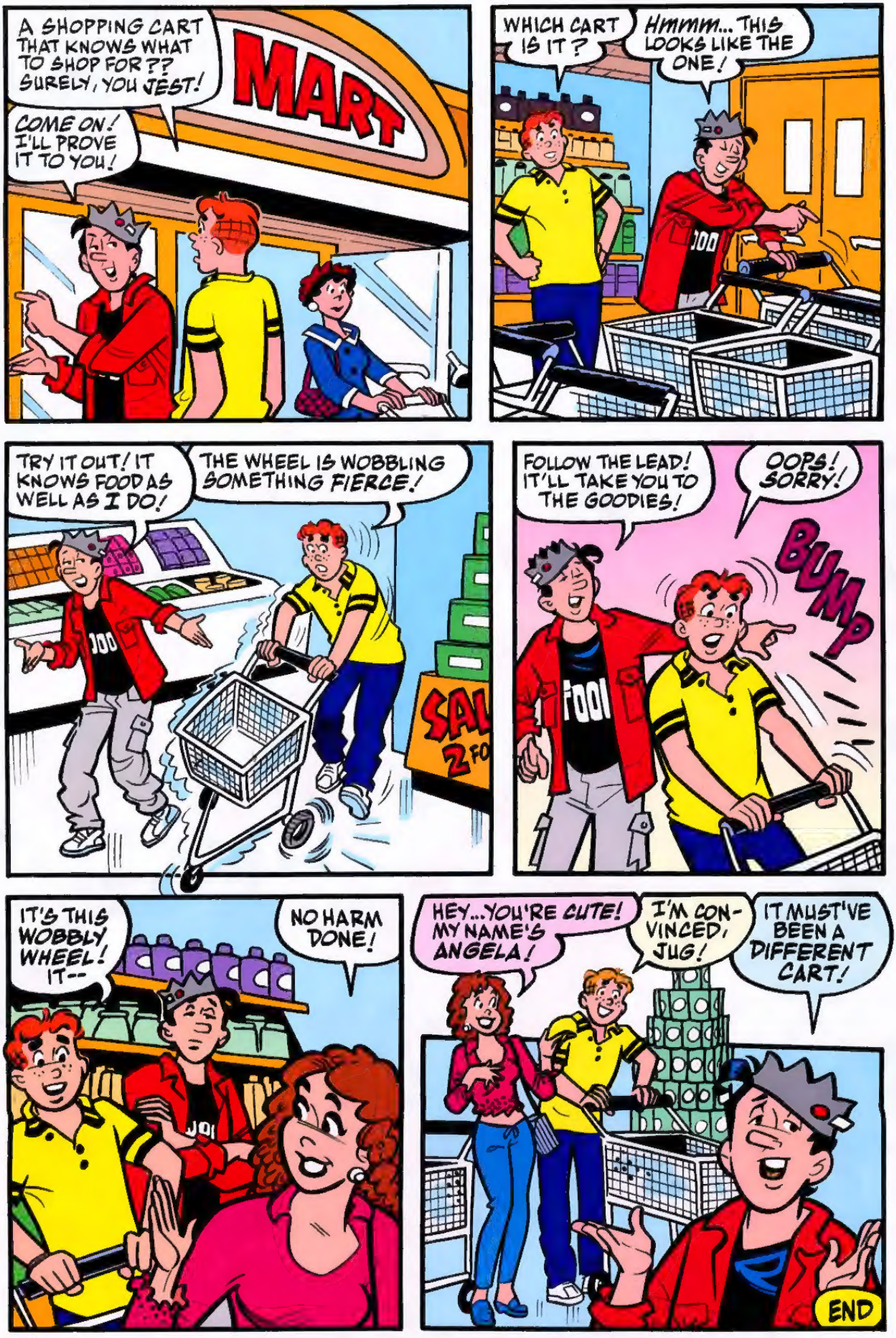
A SHOPPING CART THAT KNOWS WHAT TO SHOP FOR?? SURELY, YOU JEST!
MART
COME ON! I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU!
WHICH CART IS IT?
Hmmm... THIS LOOKS LIKE THE ONE!
TRY IT OUT! IT KNOWS FOOD AS WELL AS I DO!
THE WHEEL IS WOBBLING SOMETHING FIERCE!
FOLLOW THE LEAD! IT'LL TAKE YOU TO THE GOODIES!
OOPS! SORRY!
BUMP!
IT'S THIS WOBBLY WHEEL! IT--
NO HARM DONE!
HEY...YOU'RE CUTE! MY NAME'S ANGELA!
I'M CONVINCED, JUG!
IT MUST'VE BEEN A DIFFERENT CART!
END

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